

## APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

### 2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Child Abuse Prevention Council, Inc.

**Application ID:** 13AC147704

**Program Name:** Birth and Beyond

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

#### Reviewers' Summary Comments:

(+) The applicant provides strong evidence that the identified needs exist in the targeted communities by documenting that from 2002 to today, families enrolled in the program had a Child Protective Services (CPS) history from 12% to 50%, showing an increasing need. In addition, the nine communities within the targeted communities account for 71% of the county's total allegation of child abuse, 82% of CPS removals, 85% of all child deaths, and 69% of abuse homicides, showing compelling need.

(+) The applicant uses documentation relevant to child abuse, Child Protective Services data, and child homicide to demonstrate the extent of the need.

(+) The applicant does an excellent job of describing the target community and that it is economically disadvantaged. For instance, the applicant documents that the percentage of children living in poverty in the communities meets/exceeds the county rate of 14.47% with three over 20%.

(+) The applicant provides data to illustrate why these communities will be served by including statistics about disproportionately higher rates of child abuse and associated risk factors

(+) The applicant describes that by using members, parents are served by those who are a cultural and linguistic match, and that because members provide focused service, they can serve more families, more intensely than traditional, staff-based models. In addition, it is clear that more people are needed than the applicant can provide from its own source.

(+) The application provides excellent details to show that they have identified the number of participants the intervention would serve and clearly describes the measurable impact of the services.

(+) The applicant indicates that full time members will work a business day, and that the part time members will be used for after-hours slots if parents are not available during normal hours.

- (+) The applicant provides detailed information on implementation of defined member roles and responsibilities and how members' cultural backgrounds and experiences qualify them for providing home visits, workshops, and core services.
- (-) The applicant does not provide clear explanation of the delivery of the program model to expected beneficiaries.
- (-) While the application indicates the role of the part-time members it does not indicate the number of hours the part-time members will provide.